## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MICHAEL J. TRACY, et. al;

Plaintiffs,

8:12CV359

VS.

TELEMETRIX, Inc.; et.al;

**ORDER** 

Defendants.

The plaintiffs have moved to file their Amended Motion to File a Third amended Complaint, and all 149 of its attachments, (<u>Filing No. 260</u>), as restricted access documents. (<u>Filing No. 259</u>). In ruling on this motion, the court "may lift the restriction on the document, strike it, or order the filing party to place a redacted copy of the document on the public docket." NECivR <u>5.3(c)(2)</u>.

"[T]here is 'a common-law right of access to judicial records." <u>Nixon v. Warner Communications</u>, 435 U.S. 589, 597 (1978). "This right of access is not absolute, but requires a weighing of competing interests." <u>Id</u>.

The court has spot-checked the documents attached to Plaintiffs' motion to amend and has found documents that: 1) are available on public websites, (see, e.g., Filing Nos. <u>260-4</u> through <u>260-10</u>); or 2) could be redacted in accordance with Nebraska Civil Rule <u>5.3(b)</u>, (see, e.g., Filing No. <u>260-3</u>); or 3) in the absence of some explanation, do not appear to be confidential, (see, e.g., Filing Nos. <u>260-59</u>; <u>260-130</u>; <u>260-150</u>).

Accordingly,

## IT IS ORDERED:

1) On or before September 24, 2015, Plaintiffs shall file a brief or statement in support of their motion to restrict (Filing No. 259), which identifies: 1) the Filing No.

260 documents that should be filed of public record; 2) those documents which can be reasonably redacted (see Nebraska Civil Rule 5.3 (b)), along with a copy of the proposed redacted version; and 3) those documents which must be filed, in the totality, as restricted access documents along with an explanation of why confidentiality is necessary and redaction is not a reasonable option.

- 2) On or before October 8, 2015, Defendants may respond to Plaintiffs' brief or statement filed in support of the motion to restrict, (Filing No. 259).
- 3) Filing No. 260 (and its attachments) shall remain provisionally filed as a restricted access filing pending the court's ruling on the motion to restrict, (<u>Filing No. 259</u>).

September 12, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

<u>s/ Cheryl R. Zwart</u> United States Magistrate Judge